

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**REPORT ON: INTRODUCTION OF FURTHER WHEELED BIN ROUTE**

**REPORT BY: OPERATIONS MANAGER, ECPD**

**REPORT NO: 428-2000**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the introduction of a further wheeled bin route comprising approximately 7,000 properties.
- 1.2 The proposed start date of the route is planned for September 2000. This date is dependent on the delivery of a new wheeled bin refuse collection vehicle.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To agree the introduction of a further wheeled bin route as outlined in this report.
- 2.2 That the route to be implemented be broadly as follows: -  
  
From Kingsway North to Victoria Road and Broughty Ferry Road in the South, bound by Old Glamis Road and Hilltown in the West, Pitkerro road and Baxter Park Terrace in the East.
- 2.3 The route is more accurately denoted on the attached map in Appendix 1..

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 At the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2000, approval was granted for the purchase of 7,000 wheeled bins at a total cost of £101,500. This sum was met from the department's 1999/2000 Revenue Budget.
- 3.2 The annual lease and running costs of a 6 wheeled refuse collection vehicle fitted with split lift wheeled bin lifting equipment at a cost of £36,697 per annum. This cost is not included in the 2000/01 Revenue Budget.
- 3.3 The introduction of a further route will allow the Department to generate savings to offset 3.2 above. The precise saving will be dependent on the number of assisted collections and the number of properties which remain to be collected using the traditional rear door collection. It is anticipated the total estimated saving will be £40,000.

## **4.0 DUNDEE 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 5.1 None.

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## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 The Environmental and Consumer Protection Department has the responsibility of collecting the city's refuse in an efficient and cost effective manner. Therefore it is important to keep costs to a minimum using the most up-to-date equipment and collection methods.
- 6.2 Six wheeled bin refuse collection routes have been introduced since 1995 and the introduction of another route will further extend this process leaving only one route to complete the exercise.
- 6.3 Only those properties deemed unsuitable for wheeled bins will remain on the traditional method of refuse collection.
- 6.4 The introduction of this route will raise the total of properties being served by the wheeled bin system to 49,000.
- 6.5 The introduction of a further route is the logical progression to the completion of the wheeled bin system and will assist the department to make savings in further years.
- 6.6 The use of wheeled bins also assists the Council in achieving compliance with the Manual Handling Regulations and reduces the risk of injury to the work force.
- 6.7 The additional route has been chosen for operational reasons and ease of introduction.
- 6.8 As in previous routes, certain measures were implemented to assist those persons having difficulty with the use of wheeled bins and these will again be in place during the implementation of this route. Such measures include home visits where necessary, and the provision of assistance to operate the scheme.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

## **8.0 CONSULTATION**

In accordance with Standing Orders the Chief Executive, Director of Support Services and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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**Date : 5<sup>th</sup> June 2000**

